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Tax Breaks for Cranberry Property Come with a Healthy Price Tag

According to the Assessors Office the Town of Carver lost \$2.4 million dollars in local property taxes in fiscal 2010 because of tax breaks to bog owners. The Town of Carver issued value credits in Fiscal 2010 for Chapter 61A property in the amount of \$125.7 million dollars.

Residential property taxes in Carver are among the highest in Plymouth County. Carver ranks 6th highest out of 22 towns in the county. Carvers residential tax rate is \$13.49 per thousand, well above the average rate of \$12.10. This is in spite of Carver owning the highest percentage of state aide in the county at 36%, a call fire department that saves us big money and providing a very low level of other local services.

Compounding Carvers problems is the fact that Carver has the second highest Commercial Tax Rate in the county. At \$19.34 per thousand Carver is astronomically above the Plymouth county average of \$12.14 per thousand. One thing is clear that our commercial tax rate preclude new commercial development needed to provide tax relief to residents.

Many folks propose that Carver implement a straight rate tax structure (commercial, industrial, Personal and residential taxed at the same rate). Implementation of this proposal would increase taxes on the residential taxpayer by \$653,248. This proposal is unrealistic in the short term.

If we plug the average Plymouth County tax rates into Carvers Tax Assessments we can back calculate the amount of spending cuts required to reduce our tax rates to the Plymouth County Average. That calculation says that we are over spending by \$2,493,604 each year. If we are not under taxed then we have over spent

It puzzles the people of fixcarver that this issue is not at the top of our discussion.

Fixcarver.com challenges candidates to address the misery index for Carver Taxpayers (high rates and no service) in the upcoming election.

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